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ELECTION OF SPECIES

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated March 23, 2004, Applicant elects with  
traverse Species 1 directed to Figures 2-5 on which Claims 1-5 are readable.

Applicant respectfully traverses the election of species requirement for the following  
reason.

MPEP § 803 states:


... If the search and examination of an entire application  
can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must  
examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to  
distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search  
area. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully traverses the outstanding Election of Species  
requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not  
place a serious burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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